

A. What the Bible says

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves

- The family is a microcosm of God's kingdom
 - a. Wives model the church
 - be subject hypotassô to place under in an orderly fashion
 - b. Husbands model Christ

love – agapaô - greatest love that can be expressed

obey – hypakouô - to listen or yield, to obey one in a superior position

gave – paradidômi - to deliver over or up to the power of someone

- c. Marriage models the relationship of Christ and the Church
- d. Children model the believer
- e. Parents model the Father

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (the Shema)

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

B. Contemporary Belief Traps

- 1. LIE: Marriage is built on love.
- 2. LIE: Marriage is meaningless.
- 3. LIE: It takes a village to raise a child; therefore, it is the village's fault.
- 4. LIE: I just want my kids to be happy.

C. Personal Takeaways

- 1. Most important: Be filled with the Spirit
- 2. Acknowledge selfish desires
- 3. Chose to surrender to Jesus and allow Him to love your family through you.



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